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Remarks

Reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the enclosed amendment and remarks is requested. Applicant again notes with appreciation that Claims 2 and 8 have been identified as being directed to allowable subject matter. The limitations of Claims 2 and 8 have been added to independent Claims 1, 7 and 13. Thus, Claims 2 and 8 have been canceled. Existing Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, and 11-15 remain in the application. All of the Claims are now in immediate condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, and 11-15 are all in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 633-6845. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any shortage of fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

Respectfully submitted,

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